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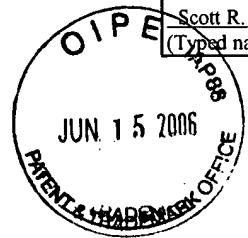
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

a.) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”), which is made in response to the Final Action mailed 12/15/2005. All fees required for the filing of the RCE are delineated therein and payment has been made as specified. No additional fees are believed due by the filing of this paper. Nonetheless, should any additional fee in fact be due to perfect the filing of either the RCE or this paper, please consider this a general authorization to charge any such deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-0540.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper, and consideration of the remarks beginning on page 7.